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"This would be a mighty nice old world," says the Lewiston Record, "if all of us would go as far to serve a friend as we will to punish an enemy. Ever think of it that way?" We never did. Moreover, there is a pretty fair sprinkling of men in this world who will go through fire for a friend and are to serene and high-minded to sour their souls and brutalize their minds by giving much thought to the punishment of enemies.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

#### UNDER EXECUTION

By virtue and authority of an execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for the county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, returnable to the February term, 1919, of said Court, and to me directed, wherein Wells Mercantile Company is plaintiff and Reube Charbonneau is defendant, I have levied upon and seized the following described real estate, situate in said county of St. Francois, State of Missouri, and described as follows, to-wit:

All of lot two (2), block seven (7), in Subdivision Lot Nineteen (19), Bogytown, Bonne Terre, Missouri, and I will, on

Saturday, December 14, 1918, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the south front door of the Court House, in the City of Farmington, County of St. Francois and State of Missouri, sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the property above described, to satisfy said execution and costs.

CHAS. H. ADAMS,  
Sheriff of St. Francois County.  
Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6 and 13.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of Francis A. Benham, deceased, has been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of St. Francois County, Missouri, bearing date the 18th day of November, 1918.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to the undersigned Administrator for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the granting of letters on said estate they shall be forever barred.

W. T. HAILE, Administrator.  
State of Missouri, County of St. Francois, ss.

I hereby certify that W. T. Haile was granted letters of administration upon the estate of Francis A. Benham, deceased, on the date above written.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 18th day (SEAL) of November, 1918.

K. C. WEBER,  
Judge of Probate and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Probate Court.  
Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6 and 13.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of B. I. Morris, deceased, has been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of St. Francois County, Missouri, bearing date the 22nd day of November, 1918.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to the undersigned Administrator for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the granting of letters on said estate they shall be forever barred.

J. H. RADLE, Administrator.  
State of Missouri, County of St. Francois, ss.

I hereby certify that J. H. Radle was granted letters of administration upon the estate of B. I. Morris, deceased, on the date above written.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 22nd day (SEAL) of November, 1918.

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### FEDERAL LAND BANK LOANS SHOW FARMERS REALIZING ITS VALUE

Loans by the Federal Land Bank at St. Louis up to Oct. 24 totaled \$9,269,110. Of this sum, \$7,610,110 were loaned since January 1, 1918. The total last year, for the nine months after its opening in March, was \$1,659,000.

Total applications for loans last year were \$12,361,000. This year, up to Oct. 24, the total was \$24,080,275. These totals include applications made in a manner not provided for in the law governing operation of the bank, as well as those in excess of value of the lands involved, and those not acceptable for other reasons, all having to do with security of the bank's interests.

Of the total applications, \$5,611,540 came from Illinois farmers, \$7,902,480 from Missouri, and \$10,566,335 from Arkansas. From northern Illinois, in a single day, came applications for loans totaling \$142,500. This section of the St. Louis district, where are perhaps the finest of lands, has been slowest in realizing the fact that the most prosperous of farmers can enjoy even greater prosperity through favorable financial co-operation.

Of the loans closed up to October 24, \$2,302,060 were to Illinois farmers, \$3,446,792 to those in Missouri, and \$3,518,358 to Arkansas. The number of loans closed in Illinois was 788, in Missouri 1,535, and in Arkansas 2,617.

The figures given show that farmers, with their growing knowledge of the Federal Land Bank and its positive design to be of benefit to them exclusively, are taking advantage of its resources in steadily increasing numbers, it was pointed out by Herman W. Danforth, president of the institution.

#### Friendly Counsel to Farmers

"We take the best care possible of every application for a loan, and in not a single instance has there been rejection where acceptance was practicable, in whole or in part," Mr. Danforth said. "One example will serve to show how we try to meet every demand. A farmer applied for \$2,000. He had 150 acres. When the appraisal came in one of our experts went to verify it. He found the applicant to be negligent not only in his method of cultivation, but also without shelter for his equipment and live stock, and his residence was unpainted and decaying. In a corner of his field lay a large part of his equipment, plows and other implements, with rust eating into it. The report was, of course, unfavorable. This brought complaint from the farmer and some of his neighbors.

"I then visited his place, to see how matters stood. I found things just as they had been reported, and, in addition, that he was cultivating the land in a circle, which left more or less broad vacant spaces in each corner. I pointed out all these things to him, first suggesting that it was of importance to bring every foot of his field into cultivation, as far as practicable, by running the furrows straight from end to end. Then I told him that \$1,000 would be loaned him if he would put a small part of it into a house for his equipment, another small part into a shelter for his live stock, and still another into painting his home. All these details were essential if he was to get real benefit from the money. Then I told him that if he expended the money as suggested, we would let him have another \$1,000 next year. He was satisfied with this arrangement, admitting that it was reasonable, and we expect him to get the other \$1,000.

#### Surplus for Dividends

"The more than \$9,000,000 we have already loaned out will soon be developed into a surplus producer, to be returned to the farmers who are holders of more than \$450,000 of the bank's stock. The one-half of 1 percent, added to the bond interest to meet the expense of conducting the bank, amounts to \$5,000 on each \$1,000,000 loaned. Suppose that on the first \$1,000,000 placed with farmers there was not enough to meet running expenses. The cost of making that total of loans is practically as much as it will be to make many times that total. In other words, the running expenses will remain virtually the same. From the total loans to date the annual sum for conducting the bank is above \$45,000, and this is assured for at least five years, with increase of \$5,000 on each additional \$1,000,000 loaned. From this it is clear that there will be each year an increasing surplus. We have no use for that money above actual needs for running expenses, and it is probable that, later on, distribution of it among the farmer-stockholders will take place at periods less frequent than yearly. Neither the Government nor anyone connected with the bank gets any part of it.

Loans Not Delayed By Bank  
"Some individuals and concerns engaged in lending money to farmers at big interest rates, and perhaps a commission or bonus for so doing, have been trying to make it appear that the Federal Land Bank takes weeks or months to close loans. That is not true. Where the papers are properly prepared and gotten to us promptly by the farm loan association authorities, a loan can be and is completed within three or four days at most. All that is necessary for us to do is to verify the papers, place them upon our records, draw and forward the check."

"Another advantage that the farmer is coming to appreciate as attaching to the Federal Land Bank is that the cost of title abstracts and land appraisals is less under our system of experts. There is no charge for examining titles, but that for having the abstracts made must, of course, be paid by the borrower. This cost may be reduced by the association of farmers paying a man to provide the abstracts, this being another benefit incident to co-operation among them. Because our experts are numerous as demands may require and cover large territory, they are able to cut loan expense to farmers for abstracts and appraisals to a minimum.

"In its every aspect the Land Bank is an aid to the farmer. That is all that it is intended to be, and for the wise and patriotic reason that the greater the prosperity of the farmer the better off in every way is the country as a whole. It is organized for operation upon a plain, simple method, one that the average farmer can easily understand and adapt himself to, with the knowledge that the national government is concerned wholly in giving to him the greatest possible opportunity for reaching a position of independence."

JUST A WORD WITH YOU, COL.  
"The result of the election is really extraordinary inasmuch as the entire pro-German and pacifist vote was behind the Wilson ticket."—Colonel Roosevelt.

Ahoy there, Colonel! Please don't make us laugh, for we have split lips and a sore heart besides. Your best friends in Nebraska will tell you how solidly the Non-Partisan league influence was lined up in support of the leading candidates or your own ticket, including especially your sturdy and militant war leader, Senator Norris.

They will tell you, too, how the Lincoln Journal openly and exultantly claimed "the solid German vote for the solid Republican ticket," two weeks before election, and a very hasty scanning of the returns will convince you how well that claim was justified.

You have won a great victory, Colonel, against the worn and weary war president at Washington, on whose shoulders have rested the burdens of Atlas. You are entitled to exult. But have a little confidential chat with your esteemed and admired friend, George W. Norris, before you repeat the preposterous charges that "the entire pro-German and pacifist vote were behind the Wilson democratic ticket."—Omaha World-Herald.

MULCHING THE ORCHARD PAYS  
Without doubt, a comparatively large percentage of the commercial orchard area of the State should be plowed each year and the clean culture cover crop method of soil management be employed, says V. R. Gardner of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. However, there are many orchards, or at least certain portions of many orchards planted on slopes so steep as to render clean culture impracticable on account of the danger from washing. Such orchard areas should be mulched artificially in order to check the running off of the water at times of heavy rainfall, check evaporation from the soil at all times of the year, and in other ways contribute to the vegetative growth and productivity of the trees. Trees properly mulched will be found much more productive and profitable than those left to compete with weeds and grass for water and food. As a matter of fact, artificial mulching is a very satisfactory substitute for cultivation and an entirely practicable method of soil management under many conditions. Straw, corn stalks or other similar organic material that will cover the ground and that may be obtained at little or no cost, except for handling, is suitable to use for mulching purposes. In a general way, it may be stated that the thicker the mulch the better. A layer at least four inches deep should be applied, and in later years as this rot away more should be added. Mulching is a particularly satisfactory means of solving the soil management problem in the small home orchard that otherwise is apt to be more or less neglected in this respect. Attention may also be called to the fact that the application of mulching material now, rather than later, will serve to protect the ground from such deep freezing and may be the means of considerably reducing winter injury of the roots.

Is it not all very plain and easy to see? Go back upon the fiery pathway of the past four years and you will have no trouble to find an answer to every doubt. You will come upon that hour when the nations of the heroic and forever immortal Entente were at their last gasp. And then America stepped in. America had voted to stay out of the war. Her people, with one voice and one mind, had determined to keep hands off. It was in no way a quarrel of ours.

And yet, what happened? Day by day, we saw ourselves being drawn in. Incident after incident occurred to

### THE HAND OF GOD

The sun stood still upon Gibeon, and the moon was stayed, five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave of Makedah, and the Amorites were delivered unto Joshua.

There came also another time when the sea was divided and the children of Israel passed dry shod between the walls of the parted waters. And, when the hosts of Pharaoh followed, the waters closed in upon them, engulfed their chariots and swallowed up the armies of the Egyptians, foot, horse and dragoon, to the last man.

And upon still a time again, amidst the revelry and the drunken feast, the doom of Babylon was written against the candlestick on the plaster of the wall in the palace of Belshazzar.

It was all very long ago, in the days of old, and the hand of God was on the world.

And, things like unto these have happened now, and in every thoughtful mind the question arises: Is the hand of God upon the world again?

We have the facts above related from history. They are chronicled in the Bible, which, among other things, is the best authenticated history in existence. The statements must be true. No scholar now disputes the statements set down in the Bible irrespective of his religious beliefs, or whether he have religious beliefs at all.

It being a perfectly authenticated fact that there were times in the past when God interfered with or directed the affairs of men in this world, is it not logical to suppose that He may well do so again?

It is the same old world that God flung out of the hollow of His hand. Man is the same being of soul and body now that he was before the Pyramids were built or Noah set out in the Ark on the vast adventure of the deluge.

Surely there is as much reason to suppose that the hand of God is, therefore, upon the world now as in any other time of the past.

And, if it be true, the least thoughtful man that breathes the breath of life today may well be sobered to the most serious contemplation of this manifestation.

If it be true, then it must also be true that there is a God and that He still rules the world. And, this being true, every other fact of which we have possession sinks into trifling insignificance.

Without attempting anything far-fetched, is it possible for one who has knowledge of both old times and new to find parallels in Bible history with the events of the past four years?

Not only is this possible, but the parallels are so sharp and so striking as to leave one almost breathless with astonishment.

Is it far-fetched to liken the heroic stand of Belgium against Germany in this war to that day when the sun stood still on Gibeon in order that Joshua might have more time?

The war would have ended with victory for Germany in less than three months after it began had not Belgium barred the path of the German as he rushed with his mighty armies to Paris. Neither France nor England was ready. It all depended on Belgium to make the sun stand still until they could be ready.

And that is just what Belgium did. In all the annals of wars there has never been a stand so heroic. Albert of Belgium is the Joshua of our times.

And again, even as the sea was parted for the children of Israel, and they passed safely between the parted walls of the waters, so have the great ships passed with 2,000,000 Americans through mine-sown billows and shoals of deadly submarines, reaching the shores of France almost unharmed and with scarcely the loss of a man.

It was the boast of Germany that we could not land an army in Europe to fight against her, and she was well prepared to carry out her boast. But, our army was landed. Its flag unfurled in stars of glory on Flanders' fields; its arms turned the tides of battle to victory on the Marne.

There will be explanations of the wonder of this by those who make maps and diagrams and who deal in the chemistry of depth bombs and the machinery of engines. But will their explanations wholly satisfy? Will there not still be something of it yet that can be explained only by the nature of a miracle?

Now that we know the stupendous scheme on which Germany planned this war, and knowing also how thoroughly prepared she was to carry her plans to a successful conclusion, and knowing also how ill prepared the rest of the world was to withstand the onslaught, how shall we explain Germany's utter defeat?

It was the hand of God that defeated Germany. There is no other explanation that can ever hope to satisfy the mind of any sane man.

With her allies armed to the teeth and trained down to the last minute, Prussia would have crushed the world had only man opposed her.

Say what you will, you cannot escape this conclusion when all the facts are before you. The power of man in all the rest of the world stood futile to bar the path of Prussia and the Central Powers when they set forth, four years ago, to lay the whole earth subject at their feet.

But, there is a greater power than man. And that's all that could or did save the world. The hand of God reached down from the high heavens and barred the Prussian's path. And it has sent him now reeling, bloody and broken, back to the waters of the Rhine.

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force us into the fight. Germany, egged on by what can be explained only as fatality, acting against her own reason and every element of common sense, flung one insult and injury after another in our very faces till we simply had to fight.

What was that but the hand of God directing and ordering the affairs of men?

For, from the very moment that America declared war against Germany, the unholy cause for which Germany contended was irretrievably and forever lost.

Yet, Germany did not fear us. Her allies did not fear us. They knew we had no army. And they knew we had no ships to carry an army to Europe, though we would raise an army up. And those were the facts.

But, in less than one year we had both the army and the ships. In less than a year the brood of the bald eagle had broken Germany across its knees.

Wherefore, shall we ask the engineers and the map makers and the chemists to explain to us how was done this thing that the greatest engineers and map makers and chemists in all the world said could not be done?

They cannot give the answer. We must indeed look up to the mystery of the stars and try to see the hand of God reaching down through their majestic and infinite traceries.

In this wonderful hour—the most wonderful that the world has ever known, save one—even this most elemental intelligence must bow humbly down in acknowledgement of the Lord God of the Ages.

When we think of Armenia, safe after more than a thousand years from the incessant butchery of the filthy and unspeakable Turks; when we think of Poland freed at last from the nameless and indescribable torture of Prussia and the awful curse that Bismarck put on her; when we think of one enslaved people after another shaking herself free from the shackles and standing free once more, radiant and glad in the loving and all-embracing sun, we behold miracles not less than any told in the holy writ.

Therefore, the inevitable conclusion must be that God is still in His Heaven. His hand is still upon us. And, this being plainly the case, it is for the people of the world to vow themselves to God for all time to come. They must never again surrender their liberty to Kings or to groups of statesmen of soldiers. They must have no King, but God.

Out of the ashes of this blackened and broken world that lies under our feet today, there must be made a new world in which there shall be no more hatreds, no more wars.

Under the banner of the Prince of Peace, all men must be brothers, else the Hand of God has come again upon the world for naught.—X.

### THE DEMOCRACY OF FRANCE

Everyone who has had the opportunity to observe the French army in the trenches has been struck by the simple, friendly relations that exist between the poilu and his officer—without any sacrifice of necessary military discipline. That is the expression of the essential democracy of the nation, for the French have advanced further, perhaps, on the road to real democracy than any other people. So, at least, concludes Mrs. Nina L. Duray, who writes in Harper's Magazine on The Soul of Fighting France.

The peasant, she says, has discovered that the man of fashion who feared a draft and wore galoshes can grow hard and brown and be a good sport amid the grime and danger of trench life. Vermin, soaked straw for a bed, water-clogged boots and a coating of mud appear to agree with the fine gentleman whose hands are no longer manicured and who cheerfully rinses his tin plate. The peasant learns, to his astonishment, that monsieur may be as homesick for his wife and baby as he himself, and that he has the same standards of life in many ways.

On the other hand, Monsieur finds Jacques a delightful comrade, something of a philosopher, invariably witty, and sharing his own gallantry for the ladies. Monsieur speaks to his former servant as mon enfant, using "thee" and "thou" affectionately, and can, at a pinch, in the absence of a priest, give secular consolation, speeding Jacques on his upward way to heaven with tearful affection, embraces and respect.

They have fought side by side, prayed together before a common shrine, perhaps huddled together in some shellhole below German searchlights, confiding strange experiences with death, and expressing the mutual hope that the Madonna may keep her eye on their children, whose own mother, being with the Huns, can no longer care for them.

German disciplinarians would shudder to see monsieur lift Jacques to his saddle while he walked beside him, or to see an officer slip a poult on the back and chaff him on his latest flirtation. German propriety would wince to hear Jacques allude to the great marechal as "Papa Joffre." It illustrates a significant difference between French ethics and German kultur that when a decoration is bestowed in France an embrace goes with it, and not one kiss, but two, from the lips of the general on the weather-beaten cheeks of the soldier, doubtless well scrubbed for the occasion. Can the civilized world fancy Hindenburg kissing a German peasant? France has no self-consciousness when its soul honors the great soul of an individual.

### WAR LEAVES BIG AMOUNT OF U. S. UNIFORMS UNUSED

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—Demobilization of the military forces of the nation will leave in possession of the Government enormous stores of clothing. The amount of clothing and equipment on hand for the use of the army November 1, 10 days before hostilities ceased, is shown in a report made public today by Brig. Gen. Robert E. Wood, Acting Quartermaster General and Director of Purchase and Storage.

Included in the list of articles of clothing on hand and not in possession of troops November 1 were, in round numbers, 5,000,000 cotton coats, 6,000,000 woolen coats, 4,000,000 overcoats, 9,000,000 flannel shirts, 45,000,000 pairs of winter and summer drawers, 44,000,000 pairs of winter and summer undershirts, 11,000,000 pairs of shoes of all types, 46,000,000 pairs of stockings and 5,000,000 blankets.

Some of this large supply of clothing, all of which, and even much more, would have been needed had the war continued through the winter, will be used before the troops can be demobilized. Some will be retained for the regular establishment, officers said, and the remainder doubtless can be salvaged.

#### Stomach Trouble.

"Before I used Chamberlain's Tablets I doctored a great deal for stomach trouble and felt nervous and tired all the time. These tablets helped me from the first, and inside of a week's time I had improved in every way," writes Mrs. L. A. Drinkard, Jefferson City, Mo. Obtainable everywhere. (adv.)

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